29. (twice amended) A method according to claim 21, wherein said hop pectin extract has anhydrogalacturonic acid content of 55 to [75%] 75 weight percent.

measurably increased foam head stability, said beverage being obtained through a preparation process comprising the steps of (1) providing a hop pectin extract which has been formed by separating pectin from hop plants or parts or residues thereof and (2) adding to said beverage during said preparation process an amount of said hop pectin extract sufficient to provide 0.5 to 30 g added hop pectin per hectoliter beverage, said quantity of added hop pectin being provided to said beverage at a stage of said preparation process effective to provide a beverage having [improved] measurably increased foam head stability.

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(amended) A beverage according to claim 37, wherein said hop pectin extract has anhydrogalacturonic acid content of 70 to [80%] 80 weight percent.

49. (amended) A beverage according to claim 37, wherein said hop pectin extract has anhydrogalacturonic acid content of 55 to [75%] 75 weight percent.

Please add new claims 50-51 as follows.

50. A method ascording to claim 21, wherein said hop